

# Thriving, Hustling Progressive Life Typified in Whitmire, S. C.

**Civic Pride, Business Thrift, Educational  
Advancement and Hygienic Conditions**

**Home of Glenn Lowry Manufacturing Company  
Model Municipality--A Little City of Lovely  
Homes, Model Business Methods and Satis-  
fied, Happy Workers--Liquor, Loafers  
and Bad Characters Not Tolerated, But  
Good Citizens Find Warm Welcome  
By People of Whitmire.**

The bright and busy little city of Whitmire is cosily set in a picturesque valley in the midst of high hills which border Newberry and Union counties, which, as this writer saw them first, approaching from the eastward, presented as pretty and inviting a picture as could be conceived, the hill sides all aglow with the rich coloring of the fall, and the spires and white houses of the town gleaming between the autumn leaves. Whitmire is a new town, as towns in this part of the country go. It dates from the opening of the Seaboard Air Line road through this territory, and even then was hardly much more than a name until Mr. William Coleman and his associates se-

and Whitmire is one that does her credit. The settlement is made on Duncan's creek, one of the historic streams of the country, where the earliest of the settlements were made, and when one sees the beautiful valley of that creek, the hills still clothed with the forest primeval, there is no wonder that the first settlers who came there stopped and stayed. The town is named for the family of that name who lived near there and owned for generations an elegant country home. The old home stands near the town.

The coming of the cotton mill gave Whitmire the start on her growth to the little city that she now is. The mill store and banks and other conveniences, that of a market for cotton and produce, attracted other business concerns, and although the population of the town is still almost wholly those interested in the operation of the mill, there are a number of high class business houses that would do credit to any city in the state. A second bank is being built, the company having already been organized. One of the best graded schools in the county is located here. There is a good hotel, a number of good restaurants, a first-class moving picture theater, well equipped for the entertainment of the people of the town and the visitors. The town is electrically lighted, has good streets and sidewalks, a well organized town government, churches representing all of the usual denominations of Christian faith found in this section and the town is growing apace. Its stores are housed in handsome two-story

cerns. The town has an adequate police force, but they have not had a great deal of disorder to contend with. Liquor, gambling, loafers and bad characters are kept out of the town and the citizens and people who come there for business behave themselves. The town was incorporated in 1906. The cause of justice is carefully guarded by the genial and popular Judge R. M. Aughtry and his constable, Mr. P. C. O'Dell, who has ridden for every magistrate who has held the office there for twelve years, and he has a mighty good record to his credit.

One of the things which Whitmire has may be summarized and epitomized by the following statement: One of the banks, the William Coleman & Co., Bankers, has no capital stock, but has a surplus and undivided profit of \$50,239.90 and individual deposits subject to check of \$114,863.13, according to the last statement of November 10, and is one of the strongest financial institutions in the county. This is one of the branches of the big mill that is in the town and that really made the town. Another branch of this big mill is the company store, which is up in the town and is one of the largest and best equipped stores in the county, and for that matter, in this part of the state. In fact it is a real department store and carries a large assortment and a full stock in all lines, from a shoe shine to a lady's fine hat and a nice porterhouse steak, all in this immense building.

Whitmire has:

Three churches--Methodist, Presbyterian and Baptist. In charge of Rev. J. M. Fridy, Rev. T. A. Beckett, Jr., and Rev. W. E. Furcron, respectively.

A splendidly equipped and modern high school building, heated by steam and lighted by electricity.

Its secret orders embrace the Masonic lodge, Woodmen of the World and Red Men.

It maintains an efficient Charities Association under the leadership of Rev. W. E. Furcron.

Here are to be found a number of large mercantile establishments,

Bank of Whitmire.

The Glenn-Lowry Manufacturing Company, one of the largest and most modernly equipped cotton mills of the state, is located here. It has beautiful and well kept buildings and grounds and the village is recognized as one of the cleanest to be found anywhere. The mill is run by electric power, has 2,000 automatic looms and 85,000 spindles, and the combined pay roll includes more than 900 names. The operatives' homes are lighted by elec-

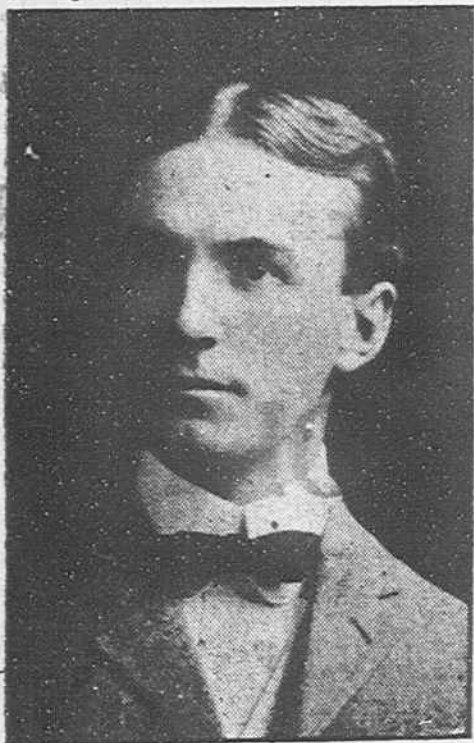
and frees this section of mosquitoes and malaria. The health record is second to none in the state.

The main line of the Seaboard Air Line railway from New York to Birmingham runs through the town limits and gives splendid passenger and freight service. The road operates three passenger trains each way per day and several local and through freights.

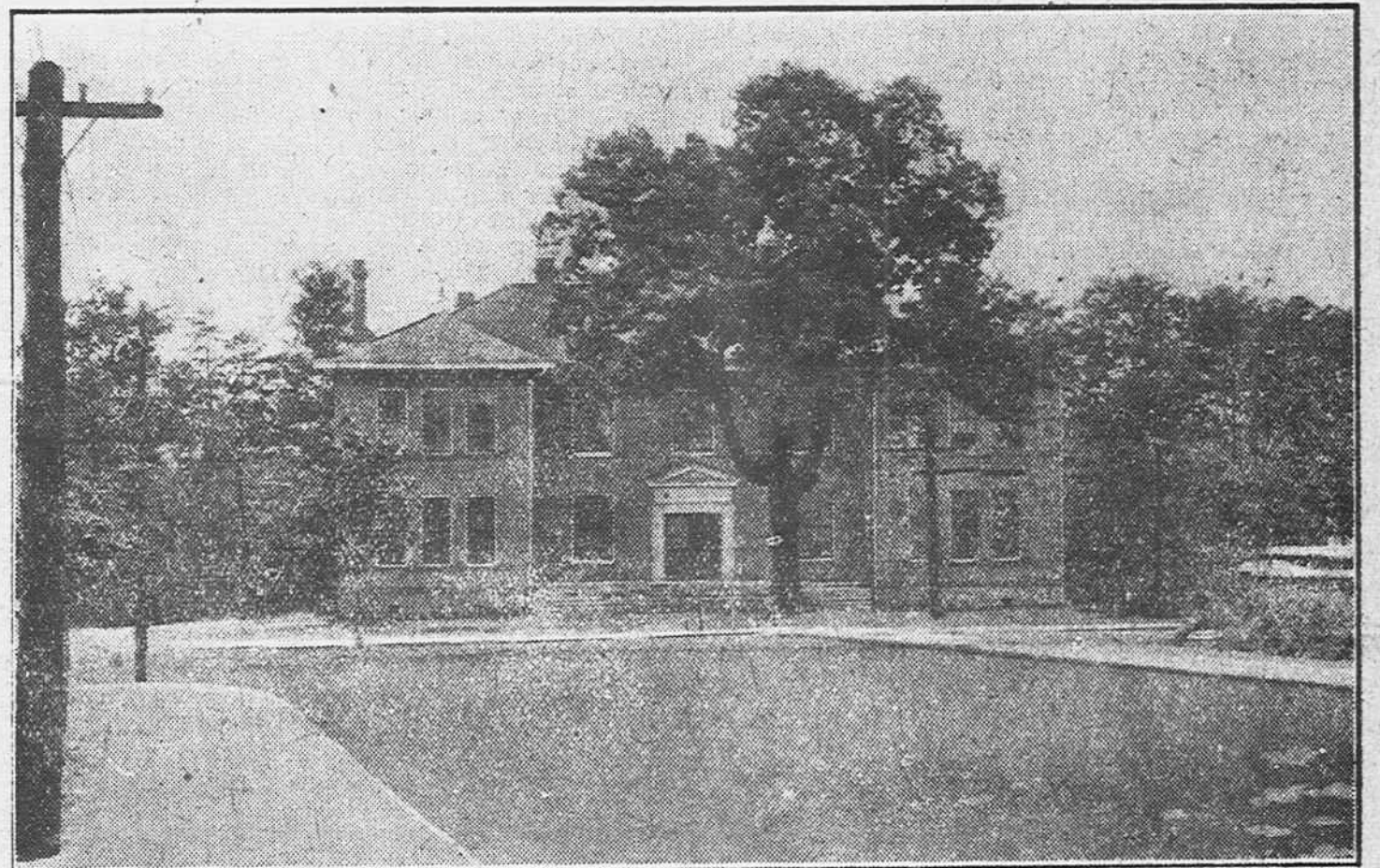
The town has a well run hotel, three barber shops, drug store, grist mill, undertaking and furniture establishment, two meat markets and a splendid moving picture theater.

The Whitmire Concert Band is one of the best musical organizations in the Piedmont.

that position in the company until his death nearly two years ago. The business has been conducted very successfully for ten years. The present handsome building occupies the site of one that was burned several years ago. It is owned by Mr. Abrams. The Cooper Company sells practically everything in the way of merchandise that can be called for by the farmers or town people. The store is a big double building filled on both floors with goods. Modern cash register and cash railway system is employed to facilitate business. This company sells the coffins and caskets used through that section of the country. They have a large and handsome line of furniture and house furnishing goods, stoves and ranges for oil, wood or coal. They have a well stocked grocery department carrying plain and fancy groceries, a very large stock of dry goods, men's and women's ready to wear, notions and the



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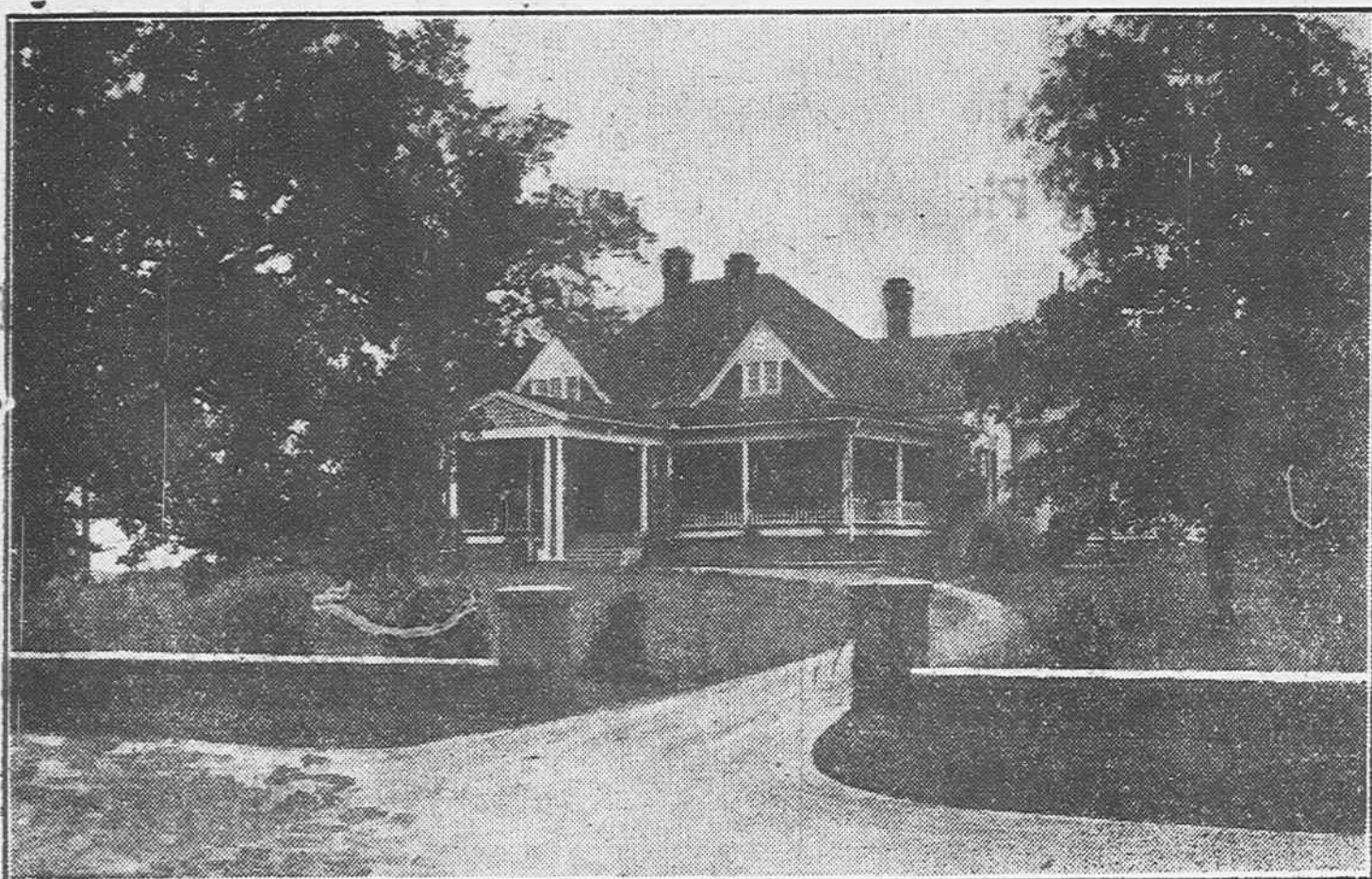
tricity and most of the houses are equipped with water supplied from three deep wells on the company's property. This water is regularly analyzed by authorities, which insures a good supply of pure water and a minimum amount of sickness. Mr. A. P. Hurt is the superintendent of the plant and he is surrounded by a well equipped and capable organization consisting of Mr. W. F. Howard, in charge of

The Whitmire School.

The graded school of Whitmire is conducted in a splendid \$10,000 school building, which is the pride of the town. The school board consists of Z. H. Suber, A. P. Hurt and T. W. Coleman. They are an active and earnest body of men and give time and attention to the work of the school. The teaching force consists of C. B. Hanna, superintendent; Miss Alma Lupo, Mrs.

like shoes, hats and clothing. These gentlemen are wide awake and progressive merchants, public spirited town builders, and they are bringing thousands of dollars worth of trade to Whitmire every year because the country trade knows that it is no guess work about finding just what they want at Whitmire.

Miller Bros. Department Store. Miller Bros. Department Store is a place of business that would do credit to any city in the state. The store building is a handsome two story dou-



RESIDENCE OF WILLIAM COLEMAN, WHITMIRE, S. C.

lected this pretty spot for the location of their new and splendid cotton mill. The town of Whitmire now commands a high class of trade and a large volume from a wide territory of three counties, Newberry, Laurens and Union. The good people of Whitmire think that their mother town, Newberry, is jealous of the younger town's progress, just as young folks will get wrong ideas in their minds, for older Newberry takes a parental pride in the rapid growth and development of each and every one of her daughters.

brick buildings, their stocks are large and varied and the highest class of goods is carried in them all. The merchants are busy all the year round, and are making money, which they are putting back into the development of the community along general lines.

The town government consists of W. F. Howard, mayor; B. H. Herren, J. W. Hipp, Frank Sinclair and M. E. Abrams councilmen; S. A. Jeter clerk and treasurer. The tax levied for town purposes is five mills, and a privilege license tax is imposed on business con-

among which three or four of them carry as good an assortment of merchandise as can be found in any store in the county.

The town has two banking establishments. One of the county's strongest institutions--William Coleman & Co., Private Bankers--is located here. It has served this section of Newberry county and parts of Union and Laurens county faithfully and efficiently for years, in fact ever since Whitmire was a cross-roads. The other bank is just organizing and will be known as the

weaving; Mr. W. A. Morris, of the card room; Mr. J. A. Campbell of the spinning room; Mr. J. C. C. Humphries of the cloth room and Mr. B. H. Herren of the shops.

The Glenn-Lowry Manufacturing Company also operates a big ginnery and mercantile store.

The town is lighted by electricity and some sections have water mains which supplies water to residences.

It is situated in a beautiful rolling section of the country, amongst the hills, which gives splendid drainage

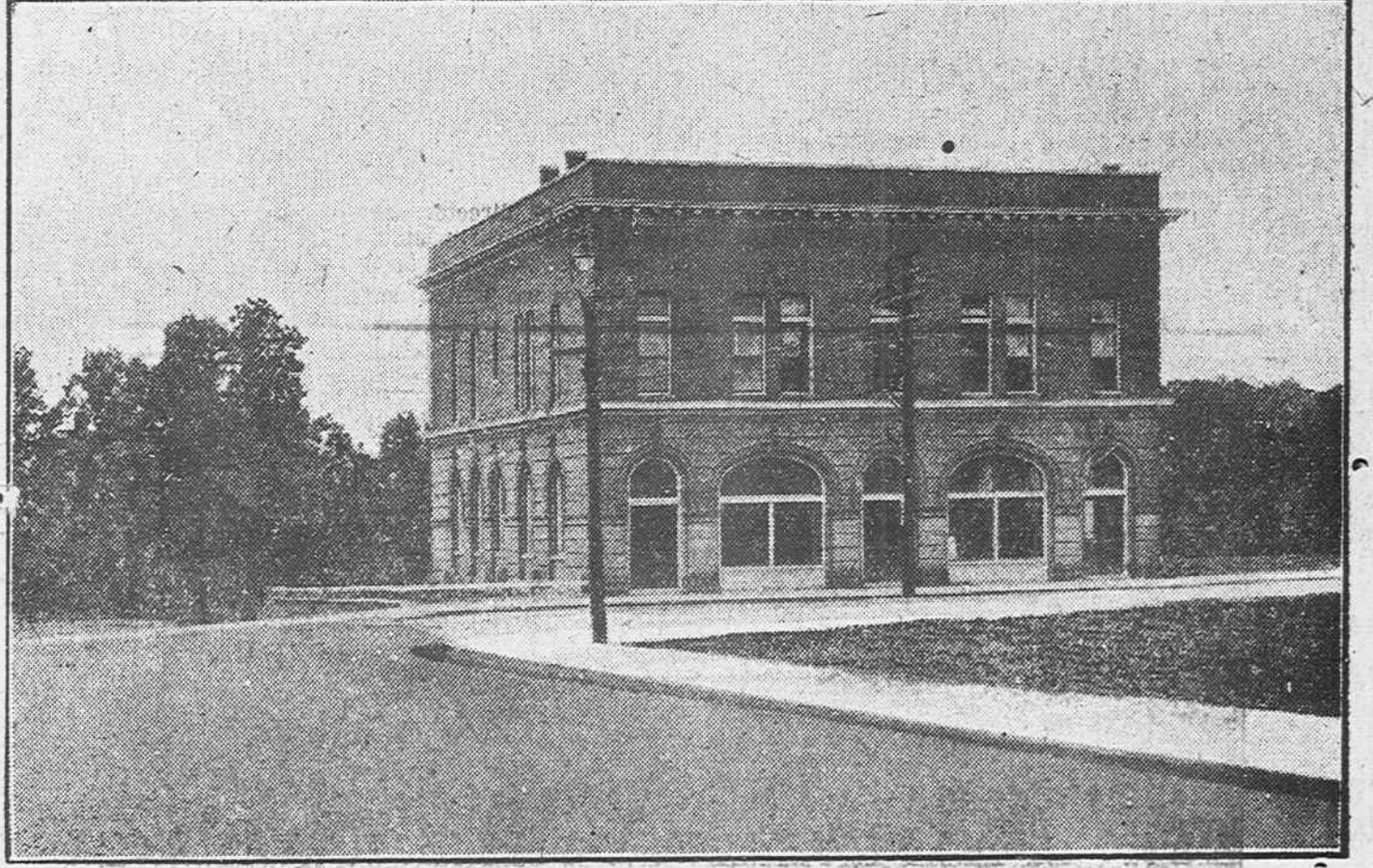
S. A. Jeter, Miss Lula Donnan and Miss Lydia Coleman, teacher of music, Miss Winton Agnew and Miss Nell Fridy. They are doing a good work in the community, both in and out of the school.

The C. H. Cooper Company.

The C. H. Cooper Company have at Whitmire one of the largest stores in the county. The capital stock of the corporation is \$10,000. Mr. C. H. Cooper is president and treasurer, M. E. Abrams secretary and manager. The original company was formed with Mr. J. D. Stokes as president, and he held

ble store brick building, and it is filled to the roof with goods of all kinds. The manager of the business says that it is his ambition to have everything to sell that any one in the community wants to buy, and to buy anything any one has to sell. He buys cotton and cotton seed, and country produce of all kinds. He sells wagons and bugles, lumber, brick, cement, shingles and all building material; fertilizers, dry goods, clothing, hardware, groceries, clothing and notions, automobiles and supplies. The store is neatly

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